



Practitioner's Docket No. 701586-050113-C-RCE

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sabanayagam et al. Group No.: 1634
Application No.: 09/886,779 Examiner: LU, FRANK WEI MIN
Filed: June 21, 2001
For: NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS AND METHODS OF SYNTHESIS

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, enclosed is a petition for 2 months extension of time and payment of the fee. Should any other fees be required with this submission, the Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge Nixon Peabody deposit account No. 50-0850.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

Appendix A is attached herewith.